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1. MISSION OFFICER SPOKE WITH NICOLAS AREND, COMMISSION OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF RICE, REGARDING LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONTINING FRENCH EFFORTS TO SEEK INCREASED PROTECTION ON PARBOILED RICE. AT A MEETING OF THE GROUP OF MEMBER STATE EXPERTS HELD FEBRUARY 5, THE FRENCH STRONGLY RECOMMENDED INCREASED PROTECTION ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT THEIR PROCESSING INDUSTRY NEEDS AN ADDED PROTECTIVE ELEMENT. THE ITALIANS WERE NOT UNSYMPATHETIC TO THE FRENCH POSITION BUT REFRAINED FROM PUSHING IT STRONGLY THEMSELVES. THE OTHER MEMBER STATES, HOWEVER, WERE ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO ANY NEW PROTECTION. THE COMMISSION PRESENTED EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR GREATER PROTECTION FOR EC PARBOILED RICE. THERE ARE NO DISTORTIONS ON THE EC MARKET AND THE IMPORT LEVIES ARE ALREADY AT A SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL.

2. PARBOILED RICE WILL NO DOUBT BE DISCUSSED BY THE GROUP OF MEMBER STATE EXPERTS AT THEIR NEXT MEETING IN ABOUT TWO

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3. OUR COMMISSION SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT THE GROUP IS NOT READY TO ADOPT THE FRENCH POSITION AND THE MATTER CONTINUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT RULE OUT IT BEING ESCALATED TO A POLITICAL QUESTION.. ANY EC ACTION TO APPLY A HIGHER LEVY ON PARBOILED RICE IMPORTS BY ADDING A PROTECTIVE ELEMENT FOR THE EC PROCESSING INDUSTRY WOULD MEAN A CHANGE IN THE BASIC RICE REGULATION AND WOULD NEED COUNCIL APPROVAL.

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